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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on Mozambique

1. At the request of the House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC), a briefing was arranged for Congressman Mark Siljander (R., MI) on the general political/economic/military situation in Mozambique. The briefing took place in Room 137, Cannon House Office Building, at 1200 p.m. on 19 September 1985. Also present was HFAC staffer, Kevin Callwood. [redacted]

2. The following Agency personnel were present: [redacted]

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3. [redacted] gave a general overview of the political/economic/military situation in Mozambique and responded to questions posed by Congressman Siljander. They opined that Renamo is an anti-group; that is, it is against the government, against Communism, etc., but appears to have no real program of its own. Its base of support among the people is hard to get a handle on. The bottom line, however, is that neither side is capable, under current conditions, of delivering a knock out blow militarily to the other. [redacted]

4. The Congressman was shown a copy of a typescript memorandum he requested entitled, "Mozambique: Machel Seeking Help." The memorandum was returned to OLL for filing. No contentious issues were raised or developed [redacted]

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